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## Local Development.

Council has a proposition from the Wheeling & Elm Grove Railway Company to extend its service within the city limits; another from a new organization which proposes to run an electric line from the upper part of the city to the central, thence across the peninsula well out into the suburbs, and still another proposition from a telephone company to give Wheeling a first class competing telephone service.

Rival interests may be expected to do what they can to defeat these several propositions. The duty of the council is to look out for the public interest. The service of the Wheeling & Elm Grove company could be very much improved by carrying out the project submitted to council.

Certainly the proposed new electric line would be of very great service to the people who reside in the city, to those who now live in suburban Wheeling, and to those who would live there if the means of transportation were more comprehensive.

Every community in the country either has or is hoping to have the chance to benefit by competition in telephone service. Certainly the city council of Wheeling will not say that Wheeling alone is to give to the Bell telephone company a permanent monopoly of its streets. In the interest of the Bell company the point is raised that the corporation now asking the extension of its franchise has not yet put up a pole or strung a wire.

It is well known to everybody that it has been next to impossible to raise money for any purpose in the past two or three years. It is also known that for a time the Bell company delayed opposition telephone movements by threatening to prosecute for infringement of its patents. Nobody is any longer afraid of this, it is now seen to have been a mere bugaboo. It is possible to operate a first class competing telephone system without any danger of running against the Bell patents, and it is possible to get a first class service at prices much lower than the Bell prices.

The people of Wheeling want a chance to get such a service. About 600 of them have signed their names to a paper in which they say they want this chance. It is perfectly proper for the council to take care to guard the public interest, and it should know pretty well what it is doing.

It would not be guarding the public interest to deny to its people who desire to embark in the telephone business and to those whom they may induce to join them an opportunity to enter the field on at least equal terms with the foreign company which for years has done about as it pleased in the city of Wheeling.

These three propositions are in the line of Wheeling's development and deserve the kindly consideration of council. If Wheeling is to go ahead it must be as well equipped with modern appliances for convenience and comfort as other communities are. There is such a thing as dirt rot in a city, and we do not want it in Wheeling.

## Party Politics in Greece.

The leader of the opposition in Greece—that is to say the one desiring to make political capital out of the reverses with which the Greek troops have met, stirred up the populace and made the ins order some changes in the field.

Now the same leader comes to the front to quell disorder, and now he tells the people that any Greek who makes trouble at home is an ally of the Turks. It is a pity that among a people so desperately brave there can be intriguing politicians so mean.

If the king had had the will and the power to slay that leader in prison he would have done a good thing for his country. In our civil war it was necessary to treat some of the marplots in this way, and the effect was good. Warring tongues may be more hurtful than bullets.

## The Tomb of Washington.

Flushed with the success of the Grant monument undertaking, it has occurred to New York that it would be a beautiful and most appropriate thing to erect near the tomb of Grant a companion tomb to hold the remains of Washington. The newspapers are beginning to work up the project.

It has taken nearly twelve years to realize the dream of the Grant monument in New York. It would probably take many more years to raise the money to erect a companion tomb for the repose of the bones of Washington. But this is not the chief obstacle in the way. Of more importance is the fact that the thing could not be done.

When Washington's tomb shall cease to be at Mt. Vernon there will be no Washington tomb anywhere. The patriotic society which owns Mt. Vernon may be said in a sense to own the remains of Washington. That society has devoted itself to preserving Mt. Vernon as a

sacred place. It has saved the nation the disgrace of having Mt. Vernon and Washington's tomb wiped out. It will not let go now that its movement has been a success.

New York may build a great mausoleum and dedicate it to the memory of George Washington, but the bones of the father of his country will never rest there. New York may make up its mind to this.

## Peace in South America.

It is given out that Chile and Brazil have entered into an alliance with a view to guaranteeing the peace of South America. At the same time there comes news of a great celebration at the Chilean capital in honor of Brazil.

Any alliance having in view the maintenance of peace anywhere in the world is a good thing. Any alliance that really looks to peace in South America would be of great advantage to the whole vast rich region and to the countries that do business with it.

South of us lies a region of great possibilities, capable of sustaining a largely increased population. Various causes have retarded its development, among them a spirit of unrest that breaks out in revolution.

As a rule the revolutions reported to us are really not much more than mob movements, and still all of these things have frightened away men and kept out capital. Foreigners rarely suffer by a South American revolution, but the country in which it happens suffers in foreign eyes.

The pan-American movement suggested by Mr. Blaine has done something to show our southern neighbors that their hope for the future lies in peace and the peaceful pursuits of industry. Mr. Blaine was much respected in Central and South America, and his words of friendly advice were not altogether thrown away.

## A Great Hotel Town.

New York is a great hotel town. It not only has the most sumptuous hotels in the world, but it has more of them than any other city. A mercantile association which undertook to see what accommodations could be had for visitors who might come to witness the dedication of the Grant monument, took the census of 184 houses that came under the head of bona fide hotels.

In this category no place was included that did not have at least twenty rooms for transient guests. The Waldorf, the largest of them all, has 530 bed chambers, 100 more than the old time favorite the Fifth Avenue. All told the hotels of New York have more than 20,000 sleeping apartments. In addition to the hotels 320 apartment houses at which temporary accommodations could be had were counted. Then there are more than 500 boarding houses open to transient guests.

Notwithstanding all this thousands of persons in New York this week have had trouble to get sleeping accommodations. They made the mistake of not looking ahead to engage quarters and of going in with the rush in the hope of finding quarters in the best known hotels. Of course accommodations of this kind were difficult to find.

On the whole we did not hear that anybody had to sit up all night for lack of a bed, but there are reports of many indignant persons who were unable to gain admission to any of the favorite hotels.

## The European Sham.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, addressing a Welsh constituency, hit the European sham squarely on the head when, speaking of the so-called integrity of Europe, he said: "The whole integrity formula is a sham." This is precisely what it is and what it is known to be. Europe does not deceive the world and no part of Europe deceives any other part in respect of this integrity cry.

There is not a power in Europe that would not be willing to see a general going to pieces if only it were sure that in addition to maintaining its own integrity it could add to it certain much coveted slices. It is because each is afraid that its own interest in Europe might suffer with Turkey, for example, no longer permitted to exist in Europe.

If these European powers that prate about the integrity of Europe would quit sustaining the Turks in their persecutions of Armenians and Christians, the world might look with more tolerance on their shabby attitude with regard to every question that involves the rights of helpless Christians. But in respect of all that concerns Greece it is the same as it was in the matter of the Armenians; Christianity and humanity are not taken into consideration.

The disgraceful game of European politics goes on and nothing is sacred that stands in the way of the play. If there be no retribution in store for the powers of Europe it will be because it is not true that there is a God in Israel.

## That Mexican Hall Storm

At some time in the world's history there may have been another such hall storm as is reported from the Rio Verde valley in Mexico, but we do not recall it. We are told that halibutones weighing more than two pounds each fell in that valley and that forty-one persons were killed by them.

The story is so improbable that we shall have to await confirmation before believing it. Mexicans are proverbially truthful, but a stray American romancer may have got in his deadly work with the two-pound halibutones of an exuberant fancy.

In the light of some of the war dispatches the Turk stands revealed in a new and altogether lovely light. When he enters a Grecian town he is tenderness itself. Protection is given to everything and everybody. As he passes along the road if he finds a pile of Greek corpses he takes them up tenderly and places them in the shade, as though they were his dead brothers. This is what comes of the correspondents being obliged to let the Turkish censor put snake stories in their dispatches.

The Mississippi legislature having met in extra session to provide for an empty treasury and a new capital building, a resolution was at once passed inviting Mr. William Jennings Bryan to address the body. Here we have a fine illustration of the fitness of things. Mr. Bryan has a patent-applied-for process by which the disease of an empty treasury is easily cured and a new capital constructed by just wishing it to rise triumphant.

Now comes another member of the British parliament proposing a protec-

tive duty on foreign manufactures, because the British people are being robbed of their employment. This is not the most fruitful of texts for our own free traders. They cannot preach very able free trade sermons on it.

The flood in the Cottonwood valley will rank with anything of the kind we have had in this country. It was more like the bursting of a great reservoir than the rising of a stream in its natural course. If the like were to happen in a thickly settled region lives would be sacrificed by the thousands. It is bad enough as it is and adds greatly to the high water horrors of the year.

Our new minister to Turkey cannot in truth tell the Turks that we are their ardent admirers. But he may tell them that if they will reform we shall be glad to hear of it, and that "while the lamp holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return." They may be glad to hear this.

Mr. Bailey, of Texas, was annoyed because no carriage was in waiting for him when he reached New York. A man who holds himself above the claw-hammer coat should scorn a carriage. We have read that in Texas legs are very much used to get about.

In his desire to get to Volo the Turkish commander may feel that where there's a will there's a way. The first class in Latin will see the point.

Remove Washington's remains from Mount Vernon to New York? Is the air ship going to anchor in New York at the same time?

Hurrah for the base ball "fan." He helps to make things lively and is a sort of knock-out drop on dyspepsia.

The best thing ex-Queen Lil can do is to get into a dime museum and pose as a wax figure.

## MCKINLEY AS AN ORATOR.

His Famous Oration on Grant at Galena, Ill., in 1893, Recalled—Patriotic Axioms to Cherish.

Appropriate to the fact that President McKinley was the central living figure at the dedication of the Grant mausoleum in New York, Tuesday, it is recalled that just four years previous he delivered at Galena, on the occasion of Grant's seventy-first birthday, an oration on the life and character of the great general, which has since been ranked with the first productions of its kind. It was a masterpiece of eloquent oratory, and in this respect is regarded as the most polished of all McKinley's addresses.

The following few paragraphs selected at random from the Galena address of 1893, are re-published for the benefit of those who have forgotten that splendid production, which marked McKinley as one of the greatest of American orators, and as presenting thoughts that may be taken as patriotic axioms. Robert P. Porter thus presents them in the New York Press:

Of Grant's wonderful military career McKinley upon this occasion said:

"These closing scenes were mighty in conception, quick and irresistible in execution, bold almost to rashness. Sweeping like a mighty storm, unchecked by any resistance right on in the face of death, until the great goal, for which so many had fought and fallen and so many had prayed and wept, was reached. The army of Northern Virginia surrendered to the matchless Ulysses, and the conspiracy to destroy the Union was dead—forever dead. The Union was saved with liberty, and we pray both may be eternal."

The magnanimity of Grant's character undoubtedly had its attraction for McKinley, who is himself generous and forgiving to his foes:

"The liberal terms given to Lee at Appomattox revealed in the breast of the hard fighter, a soft and generous heart. He wanted no vengeance; he had no bitterness in his soul; he had no hatred to avenge. He believed in war only as a means of peace. His large, brave, gentle nature made the surrender as easy to his illustrious foe as was possible. He said, with the broadest humanity: 'Take your horses and saddle arms, all of your personal property and belongings, and go home, not to be disturbed, not to be punished for treason, not to be outcasts; but go, cultivate the fields where you fought and lost. Yield faithful allegiance to the old flag and the restored Union and obey the laws of peace. Was ever such magnanimity shown by victor to vanquished? Here closed the great war, and with it the active military career of the great commander.'"

Further along, McKinley said:

"Great and wise as his civil administration was, the achievement which made him one of the immortal few whose names will never die are found in his military career. Carping critics have sought to mar it, strategists have found flaws in it, but in the presence of his successive, uninterrupted and unrivaled victories it is the lightest chatter, which none should heed. He was always ready to fight. If beaten to-day he resumed battle on the morrow; and his pathway was all along crowned with victories and surrenders, which silence criticism, and place him side by side with the mighty soldiers of the world."

With no disparagement to others, two names rise above all the rest in American history since George Washington—transcendently above them. They are Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. Each will be remembered for what he did and accomplished for his race and mankind. Lincoln proclaimed liberty to 4,000,000 slaves, and upon this he invited the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God. He has received the

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